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## **Department of Energy Hosts Greater Cincinnati Regional Science Bowl**

Cincinnati – With the nation's focus on energy independence and sustainability, it's important to promote the benefits of science and math among high school youth. The Department of Energy's EM Consolidated Business Center (EMCBC) is doing just that by hosting the Twenty-second Annual Greater Cincinnati Regional Science Bowl to be held at Cincinnati State Technical and Community College on Saturday, February 23, 2013.

Twenty-four (24) high school science teams representing 16 high schools in the Greater Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton, Trenton, Warsaw OH, Lexington, and Louisville, KY areas will be challenged with questions on biology, chemistry, physics, earth and space science, and mathematics. The all-day competition is a round robin and double elimination style tournament with fast-paced question and answer matches. High scoring teams then advance through double elimination to a final round that determines the High School that will represent the Greater Cincinnati region at the U.S. Department of Energy's 23rd National Science Bowl, April 25 through 29, 2013 in Washington, D.C. The 2012, winner of the Greater Cincinnati Regional Science Bowl was duPont Manual High School from Louisville, KY. The duPont Manual High School team finished in the top sixteen at the National Science Bowl in Washington, DC on April 30, 2012 and received a \$1,000 check for their school.

In 1991, the Department launched its National Science bowl competition to encourage high school students to excel in science and math and to pursue careers in those fields. Today, more than 13, 000 students have competed in the National Science Bowl and it is the only science competition in the United States sponsored by a Federal agency.

"We are very excited to champion and participate in the Greater Cincinnati Regional Science Bowl," said Jack R. Craig, Director of the sponsoring EMCBC. "We are extremely pleased with the wide interest and participation by these talented student teams and their coaches." "I would like to thank our Federal employee volunteers, many former and retired workers from past DOE projects in the area, and members of the community who make the Greater Cincinnati Regional Science Bowl a success."

For more information on the Greater Cincinnati Regional Science Bowl visit www.emcbc.doe.gov/sciencebowl

High schools registered to compete include: Cincinnati Country Day, Kings, Stephen T Badin, Sycamore, Withrow University, from the Cincinnati Area; Bishop Hartley, Dublin Scioto, and Oak Stone Academy from the Columbus Area; Beavercreek, Centerville, and Thurgood Marshall from the Dayton Area; Edgewood from Trenton, OH; River View from Warsaw, OH; Paul Laurence Dunbar from Lexington, KY; and Highlands Latin and du Pont Manual from Louisville, KY.

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**Note to Editors:** The winning team will be determined at approximately 5:00 p.m. on February 23, 2013. For final results, please email: <a href="mailto:Betsy.Volk@emcbc.doe.gov">Betsy.Volk@emcbc.doe.gov</a>